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SUBJECT: ROK REACTION TO POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF JAPANESE  
SELF-DEFENSE FORCE

1. A RECENT SERIES OF KOREAN EDITORIALS HAVE SOUNDED  
COMMON ALARM OVER JAPANESE MITI MINISTER NAKASONE'S  
OCTOBER 2 REMARKS AT THE TOKYO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS  
CLUB ON EVENTUAL NECESSITY FOR JAPAN TO EXPAND ITS  
SELF DEFENSE FORCE. ALL PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED NAKASONE'S  
STATEMENT THAT SDF WILL BE EXPANDED TO OPERATE UP TO  
1,000 KM OUTSIDE JAPAN'S TERRITORIAL WATERS AND THAT  
QUESTION OF NECESSARY CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION SHOULD  
BE PUT TO NATIONAL REFERENDUM BY 1977. EDITORIALS  
ASSERTED THAT, GIVEN NAKASONE'S POSITION, REMARKS  
MUST REPRESENT OFFICIAL GOJ POLICY AND DECLARED  
STATEMENT A "STUNNING SHOCK" TO WORLD NATIONS.

2. SEVERAL ARTICLES NOTE THAT SDF IS ALREADY SIZEABLE  
BUT JAPAN'S ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND NEED TO PROTECT  
ITS SEA LANES ALMOST INEVITABLY WILL LEAD TO  
NAVAL EXPANSION. CONCLUDING THEME IN EDITORIALS  
IS THAT, IN INTEREST OF PEACE AND SECURITY,  
ALL ASIAN COUNTRIES MUST WATCH FOR AND GUARD  
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AGAINST THE REBIRTH OF JAPANESE MILITARISM WITH  
ALL ITS INHERENT DANGERS.

3. COMMENT: THE COMMON THEMES AND USE IN SEVERAL  
PAPERS OF IDENTICAL PHRASES SUCH AS "STUNNING SHOCK"  
ARE EVIDENCE THAT EDITORIALS WERE OFFICIALLY INSPIRED.  
PRESIDENT PARK AND DEFENSE MINISTER YU  
EXPRESSED SIMILAR FEARS OF JAPANESE MILITARY  
EXPANSION TO DEPSECDEF CLEMENTS DURING RECENT  
SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING.  
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